

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 7th December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am All-age Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes
Deacon: Rev. Amy Taylor

11.30am Children's choir rehearsal

7.30pm Aldersbrook Community Choir concert
Alan is available after church today with tickets for those who would like to get the cheaper advanced price.

This Week

Morning Prayer

9am Monday – Thursday
In person only and all welcome
Tuesday at Christ Church Wanstead

Evening prayer

5pm Monday – Wednesday
On zoom and in-person
No Thursday evening prayer this week.

Tuesday

10:00am – 12 noon Open Church
1.30pm Get-together group in church - a social gathering for company and conversation.

7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
12 - 1.30pm Preschool Play Group
3.30pm After School Club

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in church
1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

*Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.
(sarabertrand47@gmail.com)*

There will be some Aldersbrook school rehearsals for their Christmas concerts on Monday 8th, possibly Tuesday a.m. and Friday 12th December.

Thursday 11th December

Calling any choir (both official or not) who would like to sing in Snaresbrook court chapel. 4pm for short rehearsal for a 4.30pm carol service that lasts approx. 40 mins.

Saturday 13th December

The Snowman in church all day

Next Sunday 14th December

We welcome Luke Stoner, one of our regular preschool playgroupers, by baptism.

Book Club

The next book club will be on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 8pm at the vicarage. We will be reading 2 books, feel free to read 1 or both. For advent, 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. For fun, 'An Inconvenient Convent' by Simon Parke.

Saturday 17th January

Advanced notice: Friends of St Gabriel's event - Comedy Night. Tickets will sell fast, so do get your ticket now if you are interested - in advance only. [Bit.ly/stgcomedy](https://bit.ly/stgcomedy)

Saturday 24th January

Burns Night - save the date, and watch this space for update on getting tickets.

Open Church on Tuesdays

If you can help with keeping the church open on Tuesday mornings please do sign up to cover either a regular slot or to fill in one off gaps.

Used Stamps

Please collect & bring your used stamps to church to put in the box at the back. These will be sent off to benefit an animal charity. Thank you. Sue Maudsley

Foodbank Update

Advent foodbank boxes are out now at the back of church. Thank you as always for your generosity. The last date for Christmas donations will be 16th December. Thank you. Helen and the team.

Christmas market

A huge effort as ever and massive thank you to Kevin who masterminded another great event. Thank you to everyone who contributed so much these past weeks and over the two days. If you are able to help with some post-market clear-up after church, including during the week ahead taking some items to charity shops and if necessary the recycle centre that would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas services and events

Mon - Wed 15-17 December

7pm - 8.30pm Carol Singing around the parish for The Children's Society. calling all hardy singers and collectors, we need your support! Its great fun and the more the merrier - all abilities & experience welcome.

Friday 19th December

6.30pm Christingle Service

Sunday 21st December

6.00pm Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December

Morning flowers and church clean (no 11am communion)
4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December

10am Christmas morning mass

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Philip & Jennifer Hale, Kelly Harmsworth, Nicky Hooper, Faye Jackman, Doreen Karsondas, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, John Mitchell, Angela Ng, Shu Fan Ng, Marie Norman, William Starling, Kamalasan Vilait, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita Watts, Mary Watts, Shirley Yick & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

George Casey, Rose Cross, Nell West